

## DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

**AMENDMENT DATE:** January 4, 2010  
**POSITION:** Neutral

**BILL NUMBER:** AB 1502  
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### **BILL SUMMARY:** Drivers Licenses: Instruction Permit

This bill would authorize a nonresident parent, spouse, or guardian on active United States military duty in California to supervise the required 50 hours of driving practice for a minor driving with an instruction permit, accompany a minor driving with a provisional drivers license, and accept civil liability for a minor applying for a driver's license or an instruction permit.

### **FISCAL SUMMARY**

The Department of Motor Vehicles indicates there are no costs to implement this bill.

### **COMMENTS**

Finance is neutral on this bill because it provides a limited exemption to allow nonresident, military parents temporarily stationed in California to supervise the driving practice for their children pursuant to an instruction permit.

Existing law prohibits a nonresident parent, with a valid license in another state, from certifying the training of his or her child to meet the 50 hour supervised driving practice requirement. Under current law, a driver must apply for a California driver's license within 10 days of establishing residency, which is established by voting in a California election, paying resident tuition, filing for a homeowner's property tax exemption, or any other privilege or benefit not ordinarily extended to nonresidents. If residency is not established, a person may operate a vehicle in California with a driver's license from another state.

This bill would authorize a nonresident driver who is an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States stationed in California, who is a licensed driver in another state, to accompany and supervise the member's child and sign and verify the child's application for a license or an instruction permit.

Currently, active duty military who are temporarily assigned to California are prohibited from supervising the driving practice of the military member's child if the military member does not have a California driver's license. This puts military families in the position of having to find another adult to supervise the driving practice of their child, or to establish residency in California and obtain a California driver's license. While it is unclear how many parents serving in the military in California do not establish residency, the bill appears to provide a reasonable exemption to military personnel who would not otherwise establish residence in order to supervise the driving practice of their child.

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Code/Department	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
Agency or Revenue	CO	PROP							Fund
Type	RV	98	FC	2009-2010	FC	2010-2011	FC	2011-2012	Code
2740/DMV	SO	No		-----	No Fiscal Impact	-----			0044
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>								
0044	Motor Vehicle Account, STF								